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Small Hope For Will's Hope

While flying over Hoover Dam on a recent air trip from Chicago to the Coast, Will Rogers dropped off his daily message to newspapers. One of his remarks was:

"Hope they don't irrigate more land so they can raise more things they can't sell, and will have to plow up more rows, kill more pigs to keep 'em from becomin' hogs."

It is a funny world. The idea of pouring more millions into irrigation schemes to make more farms out of waste lands and deserts, thus boosting over-production of agricultural crops, would also be funny if it were not so ridiculous.

President Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation army has sometimes been referred to as a joke and as a "sappling army," but if it is a joke, it is not so "rich" as the irrigation projects. At least the boys are not doing anything that will force a process tax, cause plows to devastate full-grown cotton and bring the butcher's knife to pigs.

Do Your Part Now

Production, continued production, is necessary if our manufacturing plants are to keep men employed. Buying power must be built. Buying power must be used. Only through consumption which demands increased production can payrolls be built up. No plant can continue to operate beyond consumer demand.

A dollar spent now for building does two things. It helps the construction industry put back to work thousands of skilled and unskilled workers; it buys needed materials now cheaper than they can be bought later. Even though the cost is now higher than it was a few months ago this merely proves that costs are increasing. To save money and create jobs, act now.

Statistics show a shortage of over 1,000,000 houses. This figure is based on a definite survey in 257 cities. Millions of homes already built are sorely in need of modernizing—a concrete driveway, a basement, a paint job, a new roof, refurnishing.

A dollar will buy more for you today, do more for your country, than later. Analyse your building needs. Ask yourself, "How can I best do my part?"

This Traffic Problem

After listening to Grady Cole's broadcast in "The Man on the Street," most radio listeners were convinced that many other cities and towns beside Charlotte might easily take steps to lessen traffic hazards and eliminate some of the inconvenience which inadequately enforced traffic regulations produce.

North Wilkesboro has one problem that could be easily solved if the people would cooperate with the police department. We refer to the double-parking habit which has become more noticeable during the past few weeks than at any time in recent years.

It is nothing uncommon for an automobile to stand parked on Tenth or "B" streets, two of the main thoroughfares, for several minutes while the traffic endeavors to make its way through a one-way lane that is not only annoying but dangerous. Automobile owners should and do know that the streets, except for the parking lanes, are for moving traffic, not for parking. Double parking is not a necessity and could be avoided, thus eliminating some of the danger to life and property which motor travel naturally brings.

Automobile owners residing in the city should endeavor at all times to facilitate the movement of traffic through the city and we are of the opinion that local people are the greatest offenders in this respect. Double parking is a habit and not a necessity.

Parking conditions, which become more serious on Saturday than any other day, would be relieved considerably if local automobile owners made it a point, insofar as possible, to leave their cars at home and thus give shoppers a chance to park on the main streets.

The situation, we are firmly convinced, could be materially improved if the public will give the matter a little thought.

The Tax Dodgers

The largest electric company in Oregon attaches the following statement to its monthly bills:

"Tax collectors now take 15 cents out of every dollar our customers pay us.

"In Oregon the taxes on privately-owned public utilities amount to a sum greater than the cost of generating the hydro-electric power." (From Oregon Voter, December 24, 1932.)

"As taxes are part of the cost of supplying electricity, they must be included in electric rates."

That statement is simple enough to be understood by anybody.

Publicly-owned electric plants on the other hand pay no taxes. They have strenuously opposed any move to make them bear a share of the burden of government. They enjoy all the privileges of government protection without paying their share of the cost. They ask tax-exemption for their properties and the favored customers whom they serve, at the expense of other taxpayers and electric customers who could not even get service from the tax-exempt publicly-owned plants.

This is a sorry spectacle of the abuse of governmental privilege. When tax-paying electric companies are crippled or destroyed by tax-exempt municipal or publicly-owned competition, taxes on remaining private property will be given another rapid boost.

An Able Leader

In Richard G. Finley, the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club will have a leader whose record of public service indicates that no stone will be left unturned in an effort to promote the best interests of the organization and the people of North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county during the tenure of office.

The men chosen as officers of the club are men of ability and with them in the lead, we expect nothing less than a splendid record of service from the club during the ensuing year. We believe the club chose an able leadership, one that will carry out the motto of the organization, "We Build," in the same efficient manner as his predecessors.

Along with the Lions Club and the Woman's Club, the Kiwanis Club has proven itself a tower of strength for public betterment in North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

PAUL IN ASIA MINOR

Lesson for Oct. 22nd, Acts 13 and 14. Golden Text: Mark 16:15.

The lesson gives a full account of the first missionary journey of Paul. Starting from Antioch in Syria, the birthplace of the Gentile Church, Paul and his companions, Barnabas and John Mark, went to the island of Cyprus, where they met a sorcerer named Elymas who opposed their mission and was therefore, at the command of Paul, stricken with blindness. Leaving Cyprus, they sailed to the southern coast of Asia Minor, pushing north a few miles to Perga, where John Mark, for reasons not given, left them.

Paul and Barnabas then continued northward to Antioch of Pisidia. Here in the synagogue, at the request of its officers, Paul preached a sermon so effective that almost everyone in the city gathered the following Sunday to hear this new gospel. But the Jews, envious at this success, stirred up sufficient persecution to force the withdrawal of the two doughty champions of the Cross, first to Iconium, and later to Lystra and Derbe. At Lystra Paul healed a cripple, an act of mercy that so astonished the people that they deified the apostles and tried to offer sacrifices to them. But this adulation, at the sinister suggestion of hostile Jews from Antioch and Iconium, soon turned to bitterness. For Paul was stoned, and dragged out of the city as one dead. Recovering, he went to Derbe, and then, with characteristic courage, returned to the very communities that had been so hostile. Reaching Antioch in Syria, their starting point, he and Barnabas reported to the church there, in detail, all that God had done for the Gentiles through them.

Here we have a vivid reminder of the need, perils and triumphs of the foreign missionary enterprises. At present the overseas work of the church is under fire. The brilliant report, "Re-Thinking Missions," raises searching questions that must be answered. We live in a day of vast upheaval, and it is inevitable that the missionary motive and method should demand reinterpretation.

Sounds like a nature fake, but you never can tell: "Science has discovered that the road-hog traces his ancestry to the dog in the manger."—Toledo Blade.

Restaurants, according to a national survey, are experiencing a smart pick-up of business. Possibly that depression is going to turn into a gorge.—Boston Herald.

People's minds are changed through their pockets.—Toledo Blade.

Another one that shows dirt too easily is the divorce suit.—Birmingham News.

In the association of nations, we have certainly played a loan hand.—Brunswick (Ga.) Pilot.

PUBLIC PULSE

This is a column open to the public for free expression. The Journal does not assume any responsibility for articles printed under this heading, and neither endorses nor condemns them. Please be as brief as possible.

Is Against Repeal

Editor of The Journal-Patriot:

If you have space in your paper please print the following in your next issue. I would not want our people ignorant of what it means to repeal the 18th Amendment of the United States constitution. I am of the opinion that it will not be what a great many of us think it would be. Of course the government will not let liquor go on the free list; if the wet vote carries it will want some revenue. Just as soon as Congress approves and ratifies the election, I am estimating that it will pass a law, to regulate the liquor traffic, allowing bonded distillers, with a revenue tax any where from 80c to \$1.10 on every gallon of liquor made, and then those that can bond will be allowed to make and sell liquor in accordance with the government law, but the little man that's inclined to make liquor and cannot bond will blockade and sell his liquor as cheap or cheaper than the bonded man's tax will be; creating a sharp competition between them, then the drys and the bonded man perhaps will prosecute the bootlegger, and I am of the opinion the penalty will be more severe. We need not think the courts will decrease, but increase, both state and federal. Crime will increase about 50 per cent so it will not be wise to vote in liquor, but vote it out; we have already more liquor than we need.

The Bible, religion, the church, good morals, and everything good is against liquor in any form. The making and selling and drinking is not successful in anything but the devil and his angels. Solomon the wisest king said wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. I'm very much afraid that many of our people are deceived and not wise. For in this period there has grown up a generation of voters that have never seen a saloon, and do not know the horrors of drink. The enemies of temperance have almost captured the public sentiment, and if we would save our nation young men and women, we have no time to lose now, let us get busy and put away from our midst rioting, revelling, and drunkenness, we as civilized and Christianized people, do not want to train our children up in a bar-room to be a drunkard, roving the public roads and even follow them to a drunkards grave. Disorderly homes, chambering, wantonness, strife, jealously drunkenness, all go together and they tear down Christianity and the high standards of living. Church member when you join the church, you entered into a covenant to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, then how can you vote for liquor? The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in envying and strife. The Bible plainly teaches that a drunkard shall come to poverty; it teaches us not to keep company with a drunkard, it teaches that a drunkard shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven; I have very closely scrutinized the Bible passages on strong drink which condemns all that participate therein. Can you pass over this and vote wet? I cannot.

It paralyzes conscience and benumbs the moral sense. It sanctions a consuming curse that cheats and then robs the people of all that is either good, true, or beautiful. It justifies crime with delusive garb of respectability. It justifies wholesale murder by direct complicity and sanction of law. It deludes the people with a diabolical pretense of virtue. It undermines and destroys all respect for law by justifying and protecting both the crime and the criminal. It makes the law and pretext and vehicle for violence. It deludes the people with a pretense of compensation for the damage the traffic inflicts. It makes the government and people responsible for all the crime, misery and death the traffic produces. It balasts and blights the influence of the Christian church, and demoralizes the whole community with crime and debauchery. Shall we, the free enlightened, Christian law abiding people of America, cover up and justify the horrible death dealing, home destroying, crime producing pauperizing liquor traffic by a legal sanction? Let us say no, a thousand times no. Lincoln said, if slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong; this is equally true of liquor making and selling. Eliminate liquor sell-

ing by law and give us a party to enforce the law, and the work is done. This is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end.

If we vote in liquor (wet) we dignify crime with a legal sanction; it will authorize the sale of a poison that debauches the people. It justifies nearly all the evils that now curse the world. It robs the people by a delusive appeals to their passions and appetites. The goodbyes were marked by the rich to allure the poor to their ruin.

We have suffered and indulged this fearful scourge long enough. God knows, and with His help we will try and get rid ourselves of it by every effort we can make. Let every man and woman who has one spark of humanity in their breast join us in the cry, down with this infamous liquor traffic, help us to crush this monster of evil, they who would be free themselves must strike the blow, and we call on all the good and conscientious men and women of our land to join with us to strike a blow that will rid our country of a monstrous demon that now curses every department of our social, political and Christian civilization; a blow that will make us in reality a free, and prosperous and happy people. Then shall we sing with hearts over flowing with gratitude, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

H. I. SHOEMAKER.

Shall The 18th Amendment Be Repealed, Or Not?

Shall the 18th Amendment be repealed, or not? I say no. Fathers and mothers, before casting your vote be sure you do some serious thinking. You can see conditions now and with liquor turned loose where would anyone be safe on the public highways? We hear it very often said, "We have had no prohibition." Who is to blame? It is men who are supposed to enforce the law but who are in sympathy with the liquor traffic. Let us be more careful in selecting some of our officers and we can have prohibition. We hear men say, "Let everybody have liquor and it will be so cheap that they will not make it, that is the way to get rid of the stuff." Such talk is too thin to run down hill, for how can a man live with liquor flowing in his yard? We see crime after crime, murder after murder, death after death, and people say that liquor is the blame for it all; so liquor is the pack horse for all our mean deeds.

There is a little creek on road Number 115 in North Iredell where there has been five wrecks and two deaths, and in every case from a lawyer down to the little man liquor was the blame. Fathers and mothers, if you vote for more liquor and your boys come in drunk or someone brings them in dead you will have to say amen to their damnation for you

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helped do that. Cast your vote the other way and put your foot on the damnable stuff.
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PAPERS WILL GET VICK ADVERTISING

In accordance with its policy for nearly 30 years, the Vick Chemical company will receive most of the heavy advertising this season for Vicks vaporub, Vicks nose and throat drops, Vicks medicated cough drops and Vicks voratone antiseptic.

During the past four years Vicks has increased its advertising 150 per cent. It has increased the number of its employees 72 per cent and maintained salaries at the high 1929 levels.

Vicks has continued the aggressive merchandising that has always characterized its sales policies. In these four years—probably the most disastrous economically that America has ever known—sales of Vick products have increased from 26,000,000 packages in 1929 to more than 52,000,000 packages this year.

For many years Vicks vaporub, it is stated, has surpassed in sales volume all other cold remedies. Mr. Richardson attributes much of the tremendous vaporub sales—over 26,000,000 jars last year—to consistent newspaper advertising.

Good yields of Korean lespedeza are reported in Alexander county. Lee Roy Presler says he secured 254 bales of hay from less than five acres.

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